GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1534
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2008
TESTING OF COSMETIC ON ANIMALS
Paraste Shri Dalpat Singh

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any letter was addressed to PM as well as his ministry by the People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) for a total ban on animal testing for cosmetics;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One Shri Dharmesh Solanki,of People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) had enclosed letter dated 17th June 2008 addressed to Prime Minister and some other Union Ministers which was received as an enclosure with an application dated 8.8.2008 under RTI Act 2005 on 3.9.2008.

(c) The applicant has already been informed that the use of animal testing for cosmetics has been made optional with effect from 25.10.1996.